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Urban District of New Hunstanton.



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Medical Officer of Health  
FOR THE  
Year ended December 31st, 1926.

Hunstanton :  
The Witley Press,  
Westgate.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

Herewith I beg to hand you the Annual Report required of me as Medical Officer of Health for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

Area (Acres) 789 (including 230 acres of Foreshore).  
Population (Census 1921, 3,036), as estimated by Registrar General (1925) 3,054.  
Number of Inhabited Houses (1921) 713 ; (1925) 730.  
Number of Families or separate Occupiers (1921) 730 ; (1925) 748.  
Rateable Value, Building £21,050, Land £467. Sum represented by a penny rate £85.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.—Legitimate	8 Males	17 Females	Total 25
Illegitimate	1 „	1 „	„ 2
			—
			27

BIRTH-RATE = 8.84 per 1000 of the population.

DEATHS.—19 Males 10 Females Total 29.

DEATH-RATE = 9.49 per 1000 of the population.

Number of Women dying in consequence of Childbirth	0
Deaths of Infants under one year of age	- 2
Deaths from Measles, all age	- 0
„ „ Whooping Cough, all ages	- 0
„ „ Diarrhœa, under 2 years of age	- 0

There has been no excessive mortality during the years, 1921—1925.

Causes of Sickness.

None especially noteworthy in District during the years 1921—1925.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Hospitals provided or subsidized by the Local Authority or by County Council.

1. Tuberculosis None
2. Maternity None
3. Children None
4. Fever :—There is an Isolation Hospital for Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria with 5 beds, supported wholly by your Council, situated on the main road one mile due south of the Town.
5. Small-pox :—No special Hospital, the Fever Hospital could be used as such.
6. Surgical and Medical Cases are sent to the West Norfolk Hospital at King's Lynn.

There is no Institutional Provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, homeless children in your area.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) Infectious Cases, none, the original horse ambulance has ceased to exist.
- (b) Accident and other Cases : A motor ambulance is stationed at Hunstanton by the Red Cross Society for use in the District. It is worked by a Local Committee and is self-supporting as far as possible.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Only School Clinics under the School Medical Officer.

Public Health Staff.

Part time Medical Officer of Health and one Building Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances combined.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

There is a District Nurse employed by the Hunstanton District Nursing Association, managed by a Committee with the Chairman of the Urban District Council as President, the funds are supplied by :

- Voluntary Contributions  
A Subscription of £10 per annum from the Urban District Council.  
„ £1/1/- „ from the Docking Board of Guardians.  
Fees from patients.

This Table is enclosed, by request of the Secretary of State, for the guidance and convenience of Medical Officers of Health in preparing that part of their Annual Report which relates to factories, workshops and workplaces. It is not intended to supersede the fuller statement which is desirable in the text of the Report, but to provide for uniformity in the presentation of certain particulars which lend themselves to statistical treatment.

Further copies can be supplied on application to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, London, S.W.1.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925,  
for the \* *Urban District* of *New Hunsington*

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises.  (1)	Inspections.  (2)	Number of	
		Written Notices.  (3)	Occupiers prosecuted,  (4)
Factories ... (Including Factory Laundries)	3	1	
Workshops ... (Including Workshop Laundries)	24	3	
Workplaces ... (Other than Outworkers' premises)			
Total ...	27	4	

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars.	Number of Defects.			Number of offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—*</i>				
Want of cleanliness ... ..	2	/	.	.
Want of ventilation ... ..	.	/	.	.
Overcrowding ... ..	.	.	.	.
Want of drainage of floors ... ..	.	.	.	.
Other nuisances ... ..	.	.	.	.
Sanitary accommodation {	insufficient ... ..	.	.	.
	unsuitable or defective ... ..	/	/	.
	not separate for sexes ... ..	.	.	.
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) ... ..	.	.	.	.
Other offences ... ..	.	.	.	.
(Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921.)				
Total ... ..	3	2	-	-

\*Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

# OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES, SECTION 108.

NATURE OF WORK.								Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
(1)								(2)	(3)	(4)
Wearing Apparel—										
Making, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Cleaning and washing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Household linen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Lace, lace curtains and nets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Curtains and furniture hangings...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Furniture and upholstery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Electro-plate...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
File making	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Brass and brass articles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Fur pulling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Cables and chains	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Anchors and Grapnels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Cart gear	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Locks, latches and keys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Umbrellas, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Artificial flowers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Nets, other than wire nets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Tents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Sacks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Racquet and tennis balls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Paper, etc., boxes, paper bags	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Brush making	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Pea picking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Feather sorting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Carding, &c., of buttons, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Stuffed toys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Basket making	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Chocolates and sweetmeats	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Cosaques, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Textile weaving	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
TOTAL										

*None*

(Signature)

Medical Officer of Health.

Date

NOTE.—The Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 (s. 132), requires the Medical Officer of Health in his Annual Report to the District Council to report specifically on the administration of that Act in workshops and workplaces, and to send a copy of his Annual Report, or so much of it as deals with this subject, to the Secretary of State (Home Office). If the Annual Report is presented otherwise than in print, it is unnecessary to include in the copy sent to the Home Office the portions which do not relate to factories, workshops, workplaces or homework.



The Hunstanton District Nursing Association have this year become affiliated to the Norfolk Nursing Federation.

The Nurse only attends infectious cases when it safe for her to do so. She is available for work at the Council Schools under the School Medical Officer and receives any fees she earns as an addition to her salary.

### Midwives.

None beside the District Nurse.

### Laboratory Work.

The County Laboratory at Norwich undertakes the examination of Swabs for Diphtheria, Sputums for Tuberculosis, and blood for Widal re-action, free of cost.

### List of Adoptive Acts.

Bye-Laws and Local Regulations relating to the Public Health in force in the district.

Public Health Act (Amendment Act) 1890, Part III. adopted January 11th, 1892.

Slaughter-house Bye-laws adopted by Council July 19th, 1895.

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

**WATER.**—Sufficiency satisfactory; quality good; supply constant. Source of supply, springs in chalk. All precautions necessary are taken to prevent possibility of contamination. The water is not liable to Plumbo-solvent action. Periodic Bacterial Examinations are made but no contamination has been revealed.

**DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.**—Precipitation tanks with outfall to the sea.

**CLOSET ACCOMODATION.**—All water carriage, no privies.

**SCAVENGING.**—House to house weekly; refuse burned in a destructor. No cesspools or earth closets in area.

### Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Number of Inspections-	-	-	73
„ Complaints received	-	-	50
„ Nuisances discovered	-	-	46
„ „ abated	-	-	44
„ Visits to Bakehouses	-	-	8
„ „ Dairies	-	-	4
„ „ Workshops	-	-	10
„ Houses Disinfected	-	-	25
„ Statutory Notices served	-	-	6
„ Written preliminary Notices served	-	-	27
„ Legal proceedings taken	-	-	1
„ Proceedings necessary to enforce meat regulations	-	-	2

**SCHOOLS.**—Sanitary condition satisfactory; water supply, public.

**DRAINAGE.**—House drains in 20 cases were tested with smoke or water and in 12 cases work was executed to render them satisfactory.

### Housing.

#### 1. General Conditions. Good.

(a) Extent of shortage or excess. There is an excess of larger houses and a number of these are now being converted into flats.

(b) Measures taken or contemplated to meet any shortage. Not necessary as there is no call.

#### 2. Overcrowding. None in District.

#### 3. Fitness of Houses.

(a) General standard. Good.

(b) General character of defects. There are no old houses in the district.

#### 4. Unhealthy areas. None.

#### 5. Bye-laws.

The building Bye-laws were revised during last year receiving the sanction of the Ministry 10/12/24.

# Housing Statistics for the Year 1925.

Number of New Houses erected during the year.

(a) Total	-	-	-	-	-	7
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :						
(i) By the Local Authority	-	-	-	-	-	0
(ii) By other bodies or persons	-	-	-	-	-	3
<b>1. Unfit Dwelling-Houses Inspection.</b>						
(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	-	-	-	-	-	29
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	-	-	-	-	-	20
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-	-	-	-	-	0
(4) Number of dwelling-house (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	-	-	-	-	-	7
<b>2. Remedy of Defects without service of formal notices.</b>						
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officer	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>3. Action under Statutory Powers.</b>						
<b>A. Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.</b>						
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-	-	-	-	-	7
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	-	-	-	-	-	
(a) By Owners	-	-	-	-	-	7
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	-	-	-	-	-	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	-	-	-	-	-	0
<b>B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.</b>						
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	-	-	-	-	-	37
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	-	-	-	-	-	
(a) By Owners	-	-	-	-	-	37
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	-	-	-	-	-	0
<b>C. Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.</b>						
No action was called for under the above sections.						

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) MILK SUPPLY.—All Milk is brought into the District from the surrounding Rural Area, who are the Authority for Administration of these orders ; there are no registered cowsheds in the District.

(b) MEAT.

- 1. Inspection at time of slaughter; Act is unworkable owing to the number of hours of slaughtering, the Sanitary Surveyor attends as far as is possible. Condemmed meat is burnt in the destructor.
- 2. Administration of Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, as regards :—
  - (i) Stalls. None.
  - (ii) Shops. These are regularly inspected.
  - (iii) Stores. None.
  - (iv) Vehicles. There are no itinerant vehicles in Area.
- 3. Private Slaughter-Houses in use.

		In 1920.		January, 1925.			December, 1925.		
Registered	...	None	...	None	...	...	None	...	...
Licensed	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	...	...
Total	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	...	...

There are no Public Slaughter-houses in District.

(c) OTHER FOODS.—Bakehouses are inspected regularly.

(d) FOOD POISONING CASES.—None.

Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases.

The Prevalence of notifiable diseases duing period since 1920.

			1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	Total.
Diphtheria	...	...	1	2	0	0	0	3
Enteric Fever	...	...	1	0	2	0	0	3
Puerperal Fever	...	...	0	0	0	1	0	1
Pneumonia	...	...	0	5	1	1	1	8
Scarlet Fever	...	...	1	0	10	1	1	13
Erysipelas	...	...	0	1	0	0	1	2
Opthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	0	0	0	1	0	1
Measles	...	...	0	12	41	6	6	65

The County Laboratory undertakes the examination of Swabs for Diptheria and Blood for Widal Reaction.

Your Council provides Anti-toxin in necessitous cases.

There is no Disinfector for disinfecting verminous persons and their belongings, or the clothes of Infectious Cases.

Diseases Notified during 1925.

Disease.			Total Cases.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	...		1	None	0
Pneumonia	...	...	1	None	0
Erysipelas	...	...	1	None	0
Measles	...	...	6	None	0

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.			New Cases.				Deaths.			
			Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
4-5	...	...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
15-20	...	...	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
20-35	...	...	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
35-65	...	...	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	...		0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

There have been no cases of Tuberculosis Disease amongst employees in the milk trade.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62.

No action has been found necessary under this section as there have been no cases.

I append the Sanitary Officer's Report with thanks for his assistance,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. H. BULL, M.B.



REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

For the Year ending December 31st, 1925.

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„ Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	6
„ Written Preliminary Notices served	...	...	...	...	27
„ Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	...	...	1
„ Proceedings necessary to enforce Meat Regulations	...	...	...	...	2
„ Inspections of Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	8
„ „ Dairies	...	...	...	...	4
„ „ Workshops	...	...	...	...	10
„ Rooms Disinfected	...	...	...	...	25

New Buildings.

New Houses	...	...	...	...	4
„ assisted by Government Subsidy	...	...	...	...	3
Alterations and Additions to existing premises	...	...	...	...	12

Drainage.

House Drainage in 20 cases were tested with smoke or water, and 12 cases work was executed to render them satisfactory.

FRED WILKINSON, M.R., San. Inst.,

Sanitary Inspector, &c.

